

## ***The RISING OF THE MOON***

"OH THEN TELL ME SEAN O FARRELL,  
TELL ME WHY YOU HURRY SO?"  
"HUSH A BUACHAILL, HUSH AND LISTEN!"  
AND HIS CHEEKS WERE ALL AGLOW  
"I BEAR ORDERS FROM THE CAPTAIN -  
GET YOU READY QUICK AND SOON  
FOR THE PIKES MUST BE ASSEMBLED  
AT THE RISING OF THE MOON!"

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[REPEAT LAST LINE OF THE PRECEDING VERSE]***

"O THEN TELL ME, SEAN O FARRELL,  
WHERE THE GATHERING IS TO BE?"  
"AT THE OLD SPOT BY THE RIVER  
QUITE WELL KNOWN TO YOU AND ME  
ONE MORE WORD - FOR SIGNAL TOKEN,  
WHISTLE OUT THE MARCHING TUNE  
WITH YOUR PIKE UPON YOUR SHOULDER,  
AT THE RISING OF THE MOON!"

OUT FROM MANY A MUD-WALLED CABIN  
EYES WERE WATCHING THRU THE NIGHT  
MANY A MANLY HEART WAS THROBBING  
FOR THE MORNING'S COMING LIGHT  
MURMURS RAN ALONG THE VALLEY  
LIKE A BANSHEE'S LONELY CROON  
AND A THOUSAND PIKES WERE FLASHING  
BY THE RISING OF THE MOON!

THERE BESIDE THE SINGING RIVER,  
THAT DARK MASS OF MEN WAS SEEN  
FAR ABOVE THEIR SHINING WEAPONS  
HUNG THEIR OWN BELOVED GREEN  
"DEATH TO EV'RY FOE AND TRAITOR!  
FORWARD! STRIKE THE MARCHING TUNE  
AND HURRAH MY BOYS FOR FREEDOM -  
'TIS THE RISING OF THE MOON!"

WELL THEY FOUGHT FOR DEAR OLD IRELAND  
AND FULL BITTER WAS THEIR FATE  
OH WHAT GLORIOUS PRIDE AND SORROW  
FILLS THE NAME OF NINETY-EIGHT!  
YET THANK GOD, E'EN STILL ARE BEATING HEARTS  
IN MANHOOD'S BURNING NOON  
WHO WOULD FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS  
AT THE RISING OF THE MOON!

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